



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 34/U/77

In the Matter of Church Pond,  
Blundeston, Waveney D

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Church Pond, Blundeston, Waveney D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.157 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former East Suffolk County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Blundeston Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Ipswich on 20 January 1976.

Mr R Killin of Messrs Howard Killin & Bruce solicitors appeared for Blundeston Parish Council. The extracts from the Minutes of the Parish Council produced disclosed that this land was until about 1962 an artificial pond maintained as such to provide a water supply in case of fire at the nearby church. This water being no longer required for that purpose the pond was filled in in 1962 and later in 1966 a village sign erected on the site. All of these activities were either done by or by permission of the Parish Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Blundeston Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Blundeston Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1976

C. A. Sefton

Commons Commissioner